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Editorial

***Pathogens* Best Paper Awards for 2015**

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Pathogens is instituting annual awards to recognize the most outstanding papers in the areas of all aspects of pathogens and pathogen-host interactions published in *Pathogens*.

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the first “*Pathogens* Best Paper Awards”. Nominations were selected by the Editor-in-Chief and several Editorial Board members of *Pathogens* from all original research articles published in 2013 or 2014.

We are pleased to announce that the following three papers were chosen to receive “*Pathogens* Best Paper Awards” for 2015. I congratulate all of the authors and thank them for their significant and important contributions to the field of pathogens. I also thank the members of the Selection Committee for their efforts.

Article Award

First Prize

Eric W. Rogier, Aubrey L. Frantz, Maria E. C. Bruno and Charlotte S. Kaetzel

Secretory IgA is Concentrated in the Outer Layer of Colonic Mucus along with Gut Bacteria
Pathogens **2014**, *3*(2), 390–403; doi:10.3390/pathogens3020390

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2076-0817/3/2/390>

Second Prize

Anthony F. Barbet, Basima Al-Khedery, Snorre Stuen, Erik G. Granquist, Roderick F. Felsheim and Ulrike G. Munderloh

An Emerging Tick-Borne Disease of Humans Is Caused by a Subset of Strains with Conserved Genome Structure

Pathogens **2013**, *2*(3), 544–555; doi:10.3390/pathogens2030544

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2076-0817/2/3/544>

Third Prize

Philippe Gérard

Metabolism of Cholesterol and Bile Acids by the Gut Microbiota

Pathogens **2014**, *3*(1), 14–24; doi:10.3390/pathogens3010014

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2076-0817/3/1/14>

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